

REMARKS

1. The Office Action has objected to Claim 20 as depending from a canceled claim. In response thereto, Applicants would direct the Examiner's attention to the amendments above to Claim 20 to correct this oversight. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this objection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

2. The Office Action has rejected Claims 2 – 4 and 7 – 9 under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over, U. S. Patent No. 2,950,852 (Hutchison). Dependent Claim 5 stands rejected under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Hutchison in view of Schneeweiss, while dependent Claim 6 stands rejected under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Hutchison in view of Schneeweiss and further in view of Huspeka. The Office Action states that the Hutchison reference teaches a panel formed from reinforcing wood which clearly has a greater resistance to penetration than the paperboard from which the body is formed. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As noted below, the Examiner has indicated that Claim 10 would be allowable if placed into independent form. Applicants would direct the Examiner's attention to the amendments to Claim 2 to place the limitations of dependent Claim 10 therein, thus converting Claim 10 into independent form. Claim 10 was then canceled from the application. Since dependent Claims 3 – 9 provide additional limitations further defining the invention of amended independent Claim 2, Applicants respectfully request that these claims be passed to allowance with amended Claim 2.

In view of the amendments made above, Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn.

3. The Office Action has objected to dependent Claim 10 as depending from a rejected independent claim and indicates that this claim would be allowable if placed into independent form. As noted in the preceding Paragraph, Applicants have canceled Claim 10 and placed the limitations thereof into independent Claim 2 to place Claim 10 into independent

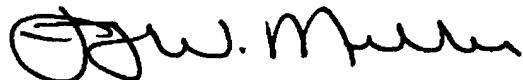
form. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this objection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

4. Applicants appreciate the allowance of Claims 12 – 18 and the indication of allowability of Claim 20 is amended to depend from Claim 18. Applicants respectfully request that these claims be passed to allowance with the other remaining claims in this application.

5. In summary, Claims 2 and 20 have been amended, Claim 10 was canceled and Claims 2 – 9, 12 – 18 and 20 remain in the application. Applicants believe that the claims are allowable based on the foregoing amendments. Applicants respectfully request that all objections and rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn and that all claims remaining in this case be allowed.

Pursuant to currently recommended Patent Office practice, the Examiner is expressly authorized to call the undersigned attorney if in his judgment disposition of this application could be expedited or if he considers the case ready for final disposition by other than allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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